

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 were pending prior to the present amendment. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended; claims 2, 3, 11, 12 and 27-28 have been canceled; and new claims 29-43 have been added. Thus, claims 1, 4-10, 13-26, 29-43 are pending after the present amendment.

The Examiner has allowed claims 16-22. The Examiner has also acknowledged that claims 2, 3, 11, 12, and 15 are directed to allowable subject matter. Presently amended independent claims 1 and 8, as well as newly added independent claims 29 and 36, each includes such allowable subject matter as well as the limitations of any corresponding base claim or intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 8, 29, and 36 are thus allowable.

Claims 4-7, 9, 10, 13-15, 23-26, 30-35, and 37-43 each depends from one of the independent claims 1, 8, 29, and 36 and therefore includes all of limitations of the corresponding independent claim. As such, claims 4-7, 9, 10, 13-15, 23-26, 30-35, and 37-43 are also allowable, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1, 8, 29, and 36.

Accordingly, all pending claims 1, 4-10, 13-26, 29-43 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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